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2. Embassy Moscow's views on Yugoslav SC candidacy--US
Embassy Moscow characterizes Soviet hints that the USSR will withdraw from the UN if the US continues to back Yugoslavia's candidacy for the Security Council as "typical Soviet blackmail." The Embassy discounts the seriousness of any Soviet threat to quit the UN at this time and expresses the view that such threats ought not influence the US position on the Yugoslav candidacy. The Embassy also warns against US acceptance of any deal involving supposed Soviet concessions on Greece.

(CIA Comment: CIA believes it wholly unlikely that the USSR would, by withdrawing from the UN as a consequence of Yugoslav election to the Security Council, throw away the tremendous advantages it now has as a UN member. CIA further estimates that Yugoslavia's failure to secure election would be a great blow to Tito's position, would weaken the appeal of Titoism, and would damage US prestige.)

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